

Aggressive Driving

Table 32 shows information about collisions in Idaho from 2001 through 2005 involving aggressive driving. The behaviors that define aggressive driving are: failure to yield right of way, passed stop sign, exceeded posted speed, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, and disregarded signal. Aggressive driving is not to be confused with road rage, which is a deliberate and violent act against another driver and is a criminal offense.

An officer may indicate up to three contributing circumstances for each vehicle in a collision. Thus the total number of fatalities and injuries attributed to these behaviors in the top portion of the table do not equal the sum of the fatalities and injuries attributed to individual behaviors in the bottom of the table.

Table 32 Aggressive Driving Collisions: 2001-2005							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Change 2003-2004	Avg. Change 2000-2003
Total Aggressive Driving Collisions	15,398	15,066	14,649	15,934	15,572	-2.3%	1.3%
Fatalities	128	138	128	116	133	14.7%	-2.9%
Serious Injuries	949	963	838	867	975	12.5%	-2.7%
Visible Injuries	3,254	3,223	2,895	2,614	2,511	-3.9%	-6.9%
Possible Injuries	4,770	5,023	5,065	5,519	5,295	-4.1%	5.0%
Number of Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries Involving:*							
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	359	357	311	334	404	21.0%	-2.0%
Fail to Yield Right of Way	356	373	353	356	391	9.8%	0.1%
Exceeded Posted Speed	202	184	133	129	168	30.2%	-13.2%
Following Too Close	127	106	95	122	114	-6.6%	0.5%
Passed Stop Sign	122	127	97	65	59	-9.2%	-17.5%
Disregarded Signal	48	44	53	44	65	47.7%	-1.6%
Aggressive Driving Fatal and Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million AVMT	7.53	7.65	6.52	6.63	7.40	11.6%	-3.8%
* Three contributing circumstances possible per unit involved in each collision							

In 2005, aggressive driving was a contributing factor in 55% of all collisions in Idaho. While 70% of all aggressive driving collisions occur in urban areas, 75% of the fatal aggressive driving collisions occur in rural areas. Only 23% of all aggressive driving collisions involved a single vehicle, while 53% of fatal aggressive driving collisions involved only one vehicle. Of the 61 fatal aggressive driving crashes that involved a single vehicle, 53 (or 87%) occurred in rural areas.

The economic cost of collisions involving aggressive driving was \$934.6 million dollars in 2005. This represents 53% of the total costs of Idaho collisions (as shown in Table 4).

Involvement in Aggressive Driving Collisions by Driver Age

Table 33 shows the involvement in aggressive driving collisions by driver age. Drivers ages 19 and younger are 4.1 times as likely to be involved in aggressive driving collisions as all other drivers, while drivers ages 20 to 24 are 1.9 times as likely as all other drivers to be involved in aggressive driving collisions. (Note: the odds ratios above compare the involvement of a group of drivers to the involvement of all other drivers combined) Drivers between the ages of 15 and 22 represent more than one-third of the drivers involved in aggressive driving collisions.

Table 33 Involvement in Aggressive Driving Collisions by Drivers Age: 2005								
Age	Licensed Drivers		Drivers in All Aggressive Driving Collisions			Drivers in Fatal and Injury Aggressive Driving Collisions		
	Number	%	Number	%	Involvement*	Number	%	Involvement*
0-14	0	0.0%	41	0.3%		18	0.3%	
15	4,790	0.5%	320	2.0%	4.1	123	2.0%	4.2
16	11,725	1.2%	736	4.6%	3.9	262	4.3%	3.6
17	15,585	1.6%	957	6.0%	3.8	337	5.6%	3.5
18	16,649	1.7%	919	5.8%	3.4	337	5.6%	3.3
19	17,888	1.8%	810	5.1%	2.8	314	5.2%	2.9
20	18,324	1.9%	666	4.2%	2.2	254	4.2%	2.3
21	17,282	1.8%	593	3.7%	2.1	216	3.6%	2.0
22	18,488	1.9%	562	3.5%	1.9	202	3.4%	1.8
23	18,874	1.9%	486	3.1%	1.6	178	3.0%	1.5
24	18,882	1.9%	433	2.7%	1.4	158	2.6%	1.4
25-34	172,563	17.6%	2,925	18.4%	1.0	1,123	18.6%	1.1
35-44	176,630	18.0%	2,110	13.2%	0.7	794	13.2%	0.7
45-54	191,401	19.5%	1,707	10.7%	0.6	687	11.4%	0.6
55-64	143,828	14.6%	1,089	6.8%	0.5	429	7.1%	0.5
65-74	83,535	8.5%	622	3.9%	0.5	236	3.9%	0.5
75+	56,796	5.8%	641	4.0%	0.7	267	4.4%	0.8
Not Stated or Other			311	2.0%		93	1.5%	
TOTALS	983,240		15,928			6,028		
<i>* Involvement is calculated by dividing the percent of collisions by the percent of licensed drivers. Over-representation occurs when the value is greater than 1.0.</i>								